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PARIS PREDICTS DE GAULLE MEDIATES IN MIDDLE EAST

UNUSUAL DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN FRENCH CAPITAL EFFECTS ISRAEL

PARIS (exclusive report to The CJN). — Now that the elections in France are over, diplomatic circles here indicate that Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol, also fortified by a recent vote of confidence, may visit Paris soon.

The French capital recently has become the world's hub of diplomatic activity. Never since pre-World War I days has Paris been so much the center of international intrigue and negotiations as it has become under President Charles De Gaulle. If this means French grandeur, De Gaulle has won it.

EGYPTIAN-FRENCH OVERTURE

The latest developments so far as Israel is concerned are tied in with a reconciliation between Paris and Cairo. Egyptian representatives here maintain that Nasser is moving towards an entante cordiale with the French republic following the visit of Marshall Akim. While France protests any allusions that friendship with Nasser may mean a change of policy towards Israel, there are those, especially among anti-De Gaulleists, who profess to know that the situation is different. They claim De Gaulle's orientation now is complete cooperation with the new nations of Asia and Africa, including Red China, and that within the French cabinet Foreign Minister de Murville is playing a pro-Nasser card.

However, the sympathies of France, the people and its leaders, are known to be on the side of Israel in her struggle to strengthen her position in the Mid-East.

ISRAELI FRIENDSHIP TOO

The Canadian Jewish News was told that Charles De Gaulle, 75, as well as his closest collaborators now engaged in finding a solution for a Viet Nam settlement (with the acquiescence of the United States) may turn to Israel once "more important" problems are solved.

Meanwhile France has won the goodwill of many Arab nations. She is very generous with her purse. Little Lebanon was granted $10 million credit for urban development last week; Jordan and Egypt have received jets from France. This, the French say, may worry Israel, but if France is to play a role in the Middle East, it must be accepted as non-partisan in any dispute. Yet the Arabs know the French underscore: France never will abandon Israel and she believes in Israel's right to live and prosper.

On the other hand, diplomatic observers here point to the fact that Nasser but last week attacked President Habib Bourguiba for his "Zionist and imperialist view". It seems that Nasser resents the fact that Bourguiba is personna grata with De Gaulle. Tunisia's Bourguiba now has repeated his advice to the Arabs to make peace with Israel. This statement, more than anything else, has convinced observers here that De Gaulle plans some move in the direction of encouraging an Arab-Israel modus vivendi. Also it must be remembered in this conncetion that among all Arab statesmen Bourguiba is the closest to De Gaulle.

SOVIET HEAD SEES ISRAELI COMMUNISTS

Diplomatic circles here also paid serious attention to last week's discussions in Moscow when the Soviet-Communist party leader, Leonid Breshnev, received in a special audience the leaders of the two competing Communist factions in the Jewish state. Israelis at this conference were: Tewfik Toubi and Meir Wilner, leader of the so-called pro-Chinese faction; Shmuel Mikunis and Moshe Sneh of the so-called pro-Soviet and all-Jewish faction of the Israeli Communist party. The importance the Russians ascribe to little Israel can be seen from the fact that with Mr. Breshnev at this conference were: Mikhail Suslov, the leading Soviet expert on ideology; Boris Ponamarev, the chief Soviet expert on relations with foreign Communist parties.

This conference shows that Russia too may consider some moves in the Middle East.

MAY DISCUSS MID-EAST PEACE: from left to right, President Charles De Gaulle and Premier Levi Eshkol.

• Commentary •

By M. J. Nurenberger

EXPENSIVE NONSENSE

We all know, from experience in election predictions, how worthless are the polls conducted by all kinds of professionals. In fact, when I dream of working less and making more (as I so often do), the facile and honorable profession of pollsters flashes before me. What a wonderful occupation: lots of money, little responsibility. Incidentally, I hope some of the famous pollsters do not become angry with me for saying that the polls have become a racket.

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This came to mind when I read the report, a project of the University of California, on the latest survey regarding antisemitism on this continent, by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. If it weren't serious from the viewpoint of the position of the Jewish community in North America, one could laugh it off as another meaningless poll. However, this one, officially financed by B'nai B'rith, can become a source of irritation to the Jewish community and may hurt us more than many an antisemitic propaganda trick.

Some United States publications consider these revelations shocking. For, according to the B'nai B'rith — sponsored survey, one-third of Americans openly are antisemitic, another third belong to the category of the "quiet antisemites".

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Let's look at these "statistics":

Twenty-seven percent of Americans are of the opinion that Jews are "too powerful" in business; forty-two percent feel Jews are prone to "shady deals in commerce"; forty-three percent think Jews talk too much about the crimes of Nazi Germany; thirty percent accuse Jews of manifesting more loyalty toward Israel than to the United States; ten percent candidly demand some action for curtailing the might of the Jews in America.

Charles Y. Glock, a professor who headed this survey (paid from Jewish community funds), says that 17,500,000 Americans became antisemitic because of religious prejudice.

I am neither a statistician nor an expert in the racket called pollstering. Yet I dare ask: how did this eminent professor arrive at the exact figure of seventeen-and-a-half million? Maybe there are 17,500,000 and one antisemites, more or less? What kind of children are the members of B'nai B'rith (to which I too belong) to sponsor such gibberish and present these "findings" to the North American public?

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Everyone acquainted with today's North-American scene definitely knows that, if there is a danger to Jewish survival on this continent, it stems from the fact that assimilation at present is very easy; for the non-Jewish society, in its majority, is open to the Jew for full integration — if he so wishes. In some communities, mixed marriages have risen to about forty percent of the total. And if there is any prejudice in certain branches of industry and commerce, it is because of competitive considerations rather than for reasons of hatred of the Jew as such.

In general, North American society still is in the process of eliminating "natural barriers" where certain industries or businesses are operated traditionally by specific religious or ethnic groups. We know for a certainly that there are areas of commerce and industry closed to Italians, the Irish, to Catholics and others. But the white American Protestant hegemony increasingly is becoming a thing of the past in most communities.

It is my sincere belief that this nonsense, Scientific Survey of Antisemitism, is an insult to the intelligence of North American society.

B'nai B'rith decidedly should exercise more control upon the leadership of the Anti-Defamation League. For such surveys and polls tend to do more harm in interfaith and intergroup relations than any Nazi propaganda. To finance such polls is sinful, criminal vis-a-vis the Jewish people.

TO SPEAK AT RECEPTION. - Dr. S. B. Hurwich, former leader of the Labor Zionist Movement of Canada and president of the Histadrut Campaign, now residing in Israel, will be the guest speaker at a reception for canvassers and friends coming Wednesday evening, December 8th, at Toronto's Labor Zionist Center, sponsored by the 1966 Israel Histadrut Campaign. Dr. Hurwich will review the situation in Israel after the elections from the point of view of a Canadian recently settled there. Ralph Rotman is current chairman of the Toronto Histadrut Campaign for 1966.

WORSHIPERS IN RUSSIA HARASSED

LONDON (JCNS). — A new and disturbing development in connection with Soviet "supervision" of Russian synagogues and worshippers has been pieced together from tourists who spent the High Holidays in various Soviet cities.

At the beginning of prayers in a number of places, groups of "druzhinniks", auxiliary police made up of Komsomol volunteers, appeared in the synagogues. They came in squads of 20 to 25, making no effort to conceal their identity. Most of them were not Jews.

They took up station in various parts of the synagogues, from which they could have a clear view of what was happening. They were especially concerned in ensuring that there was no contact between the worshippers and tourists from abroad.

A number of young worshippers were stopped as they left the synagogues and taken away for questioning. In one instance there was a clash between a worshipper and a druzhinnik whose zeal resulted in some injury to the Jew.

The presence of dozens of non-Jewish youths in the synagogues during prayers aroused considerable bitterness among the worshippers; there were vociferous protests from many.

This is but one method of trying to curb religious observance. In another instance, a call for a more "intensified struggle against religion" in the Soviet Union has been published in the latest issue of "Communist", the official organ of the Russian Communist Party.

An article entitled "The Individual Approach to Atheistic Work" draws the attention of party members to the need for "stepping up" anti-religious propaganda and suggests that the best way to do this and achieve results is to "tackle believers individually".

Believers, says the article, should "not be insulted or punished", but should be subjected to close examination of why they still regard religion as necessary and faith in a god as an inspiration.

The writer describes how, in one Russian city, where 'all believers are being closely watched", an ideological commission, specially set up for the purpose, found that of 30,000 people who were ostensibly religious, "only 10 per cent actually believed in God and only 2 per cent were confirmed believers, the majority being women".

In a specific instance, an attempt by two Kharkov Jews to secure the reopening of a synagogue in the city, where there are believed to be 80,000 Jews, has been unsuccessful.

The two men approached the Chief Rabbi of Moscow, Rabbi Y. L. Levin, who directed them to the appropriate Ministry. There they were told that there was no objection, as long as a suitable building was erected for the purpose.

As all former synagogue buildings now are used for clubs or other secular purposes, and as it is patently impossible for a handful or even a great many more courageous Jews to obtain the funds necessary to put a new building, the city will remain without a formal place of worship.

However, a tourist who visited the city recently reports that Jews still pray together despite the difficulties. About ten minyanim meet every day in various parts of Kharkov and, during the High Holidays, there are extra but "secret' services for those who fear open identification with the Jewish community.

All the congregations, if such they can be called, have Hebrew Bibles and there are a small number of prayer-books in circulation.

Although the last synagogue was closed in 1948, two aged, but now unofficial, rabbis continue to minister to the spiritual needs of the community.

Two years ago, there was some official interference with Jewish prayer-meetings but, at the moment, Jews are being allowed to worship in peace.

U.S., BRITAIN OPPOSE ARAB UN AMENDMENT

UNITED NATIONS (JCNS) — Efforts are being made by the United States at the U.N. General Assembly to reintroduce and secure passage of the original U.S.A. resolution on the Arab refugees, which the Arabs managed to have amended last week in the Special Political Committee.

The United States and Britain were among the countries voting against the amended resolution which did, however, secure a majority. The Soviet block voted in favor, with one curious exception — Rumania, which abstained. There has been no acceptable explanation for this other than Rumania's increasing desire to indicate her independence from Moscow.

What the Americans are hoping to achieve is a paragraph-by-paragraph vote in the General Assembly on the amended resolution so that the additions worked in by Pakistan and Somalia on the Arabs' behalf can be deleted.

The amendments, in addition to blaming Israel for the plight of the refugees, would give the commissioner-general of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) permission to pursue his nine-point program, approved by the Arab States, which includes extension of the relief rolls to the third generation in the refugees camps.

The United States, which pays the greater part of UNRWA's bills, does not want her hurden increased, nor does Britain or the other countries which contribute generously to the agency's budget.

H. U. SCHOLARSHIP IN JABOTINSKY NAME

JERUSALEM — A Ze'ev Jabotinsky memorial scholarship fund has been founded at the Hebrew University on the occasion of the 85th anniversary of the birth of the late Revisionist leader.

The fund, which has been established by a group of followers of Jabotinsky, headed by Mr. Max Lebedkin, of Zurich, will provide each year two research fellowships of I£3,000 (about $1,000) each, and four undergraduate scholarships of $354 each.

WASHINGTON PROTESTS EGYPT AID

WASHINGTON (JCNS) — An increasing number of U.S.A. Senators and Congressmen of both political parties have been protesting to the White House and the State Department against any further aid to Egypt.

They maintain that U.S.A. food shipments to Egypt are helping Nasser indirectly to increase the arms race in the Middle East by using Egyptian cotton to obtain Soviet arms, thus forcing Israel and other Arab countries to seek additional weapons.

Senator Abraham Ribicoff, Democrat of Connecticut, has urged that any resumption of American aid should be made "conditional on the fulfilment of Egypt's commitment under the U.N. Charter to negotiate a settlement with her neighbours, to stop this exhausting arms build-up".

Republican Senator Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, in a letter to President Johnson, called for "rigid conditions... to specify what Egypt may do with U.S.A. aid," and also stressed the need to "restrict the activities of Egypt which now foment war and rebellion among neighboring countries."

BOOK NOTES ESCAPEES

ANTWERP (JCNS) — A book published in Belgium discloses that about 25,000 Jews escaped deportation by the German occupying forces during the war, thanks to the attitude of the Belgian population.

Written by Mme Garfinkel, with the collaboration of M. Max Gottschalk, the book, entitled 'Le Belge face à la persecution raciale", has been issued under the auspices of the Institutde of Higher Jewish Studies.

WILL ADDRESS TORONTO CONGREGATION. - Rabbi Dr. Bernard A. Poupko of Pittsburgh, Pa., who will speak at Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, Thursday, December 9th, 8:30 p.m. Theme of the address is: Jews and Judaism in Russia. Dr. Poupko, Rabbi of Shaarei Torah Congregation of Pittsburgh, visiting lecturer at the University of Pittsburgh and vice-president of the Religious Zionists of America, has returned recently from a visit to Russia.

WINDSOR AND HAMILTON SURVEY

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION STUDIES ONTARIO DISCRIMINATION

Two studies conducted by the eminent sociologists, Dr. Rudolf Helling of the University of Windsor and Dr. Franklin Henry of McMaster University, based on samplings of Negroes, Japanese, Italians and Chinese in Windsor and Hamilton, have been received by the Ontario Human Rights Commission, according to the magazine, Human Relations.

These studies, which enhance the work of the Commission give further information into such factors as employment and residential patterns, historical development and minority group attitudes toward educational and police authorities. As pointed out by Human Relations, they reveal all information concerning working aspirations as compared with experiences in seeking housing and finding jobs in Windsor and Hamilton.

HAMILTON FINDINGS

McMaster's findings are based on 204 interviews made in the summer of 1964. There were 79 per cent of Negroes and 97 per cent Japanese selected for interview. In each case the interviewee revealed his experiences in housing, employment and public facilities.

The Japanese sample consisted of two groups: one third were older persons born in Japan who migrated to British Columbia during the 1920's and settled in Ontario before the war; two-thirds were Ontario-born, nearly half in Hamilton proper; another third stemmed from various sections of North America and the West Indies.

Merely 44 per cent of the Negroes own their homes, as compared with 69 per cent of all Hamiltonians and 81 per cent of the Japanese-Canadians. Rents for the Japanese are equivalent to those of the average Hamiltonian; Negroes pay from $10-$15 below average. Negro incomes are low as compared with others. The Japanese tend to engage in middle class occupations: selling, clerical, small businesses, skilled labor. They are more educated.

The average years of education are 9.2, 11.5 and 9.2 for Hamiltonians, Japanese and Negroes respectively, according to the magazine.

Because of relatively high incomes and greater attempt to assimilate with non-Japanese, Japanese - Canadians were most likely to report dicrimination. In the case of Negroes, low income and frequent social interaction with non-Negroes proved factors associated with discrimination.

Many of the Japanese and Negroes have heard of the Ontario Human Rights Code. Fewer, however, had any conception of its purpose. The greatest reaction was sadness and hopelessness, a feeling that "it's not worth doing anything to combat it."

WINDSOR STUDY

The Windsor study, according to Human Relations, was conducted among 97 Negroes, 100 Italians and 50 Chinese.

The Chinese settlements are little known to outsiders. They live in semi-isolation while other racial and ethnic groups have more contact with the population in general. Presently it is estimated that there are 750 persons.

It is disclosed that treatment by public officials or those exercising public functions is related closely to the general treatment given minority groups. Italians complain they are treated unfairly by the police, judges, lawyers and court officials. In the category of complaints were social workers, nurses and doctors.

Though Human Rights legislation has prevented discrimination in some areas, it is a point of question as to whether the legislation has had any impact upon the overall position of Negroes in the all-around picture.

Economically, Negroes are under-represented in higher ranks of occupation and over-represented at the bottom. Concentration of Negro employment centers in the automotive industries and small service type companies. Regarding assessment as the criterion of measurement, of the 15 largest industries nine do not employ Negroes, according to the survey. Not one company employes a Negro as manager; only one company engages a Negro in a professional capacity, as the magazine point out.

The greatest complaint by Negroes is lodged against teachers and educational personnel who are, at the moment, excluded from the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code. It was astonishing to discover that educational institutions showed little awareness of the needs of the minority group, since these institutions are the chief vehicles of upward social progress.

WINDSOR SUGGESTIONS

Recommendations made by Windsor findings are:

- Greater dissemination of information about the Human Rights Code among minority groups. Asked whether they have heard of the Ontario Human Rights Commission, 78 per cent of Italians, 40 per cent of Chinese and 24 per cent of Negroes were unaware of the Commission.

Though information may be had in their own languages, it is amazing to note how little foreign language minorities know that discrimination in employment and housing is illegal in Ontario.

- More emphasis on observance of Human Rights legislation in the service field, particularly food services and drinking places which practice discrimination. In order to enforce the Human Rights legislation, it is suggested that the power of the provincial government in the granting or withholding of licenses (especially in dispensing of alcoholic beverages) be utilized.
- Special emphasis on education; the language barrier should be overcome.
- Police education. Officers and minority groups should know each other.
- Service professions have a responsibility towards all regardless of race or origin.
- Testing of job ceilings should be enforced. Minority groups are unaware of true ceilings and behave accordingly.
- Attempts to solve problems of sponsored legal or illegal immigration at the level of the Federal Government should be made in a humane manner. Future sponsored migration must be controled in order to overcome ethnic ghettoes.
- There should be more awareness of contributions Windsor is making to the general welfare of its community reguardless of race, creed or nationality.

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CULTURE MEETING

On Monday evening, November 15th, the cultural and adult education committee of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda held a meeting at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Kelman. Prof. Arthur Kruger was chairman. Present were Al Fortinsky, Dr. Ben Glatt, Mrs. A. Kruger, Cy Loomer, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Sand, Saul Wenner.

COUPLES CLUB MEET

The Couples Club of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda will meet at the synagogue on Sunday, December 12th, 8:00 p.m.

TO SPEAK

Rabbi Erwin Schild, spiritual leader of Adath Israel Congregation, spoke on: The Rise and Fall of the Karaites, Thursday, December 2nd.

SEMINAR

The third U.S.Y. Rosh Chodesh Seminar of Adath Israel will be held on Sunday, December 5th, 3:00 p.m. Topic: The Challenge of Modern Scientific Thought. Dr. Eli Grad, educational and youth director, Beth Tzedec, will be guest speaker.

MEETING

Couples Club of Adath Israel will meet coming Sunday, December 5th, 9:00 p.m. Reuben Schafer will discuss: Should Women Be Chained to the Kitchen Stove?

DRAMA WORKSHOP

Drama Workshop of Adath Israel meets on Monday, December 6th, 8:45 p.m.

ADDRESS

Dr. Murray Herst will address the Adath Israel Congregation on Thursday, December 9th ,9:00 p.m. Topic: The Messianic Movements in Jewish History.

DANCE

U.S.Y., Adath Israel, will tender an after-exam dance on Saturday, December 4th, 7:30 p.m.

TEACHER NIGHT

A meet-the-teacher-night will be held at Beth Am's P.T.A. meeting, Wednesday, December 8th.

HONORED

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation and State of Israel Bonds honored Ben Raskin, president of Shaarei Tefillah Brotherhood, at the last joint Bond evening, November 23rd.

GAVE TALK

On Sunday, November 28th, Joseph B. Salsberg, former Member of Parliament, addressed the Shaarei Tefillah Breakfast Club. His theme was: The Evolution of Our Jewish Community — Good or Bad.

JEWISH SCIENTISTS MEET

A meeting of the Toronto Chapter of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists will meet on January 17th. Prof. S. Hollander will speak on: Approaches to Usury.

At the last meeting held recently, Prof. E. Birnbaum spoke on: Islam and Judaism.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

The cultural committee of Clanton Park Synagogue will tender the Oneg Shabbos tonight, Friday, December 3rd, at the synagogue. Prof Eliezer Bitenbaum will speak on: Jews in the Orient.

OFFICERS

At a general membership meeting held recently, the following officers of Beth Sholom Synagogue were elected. Harry Polevoy, president; Fred H. Ganz, Q.C., 1st vice president; Frank Cadesky, 2nd vice president; Ben Wortsman, treasurer. On the Board of Governors are Harry L. Barkin, Max Bernstein, James Tetesh, Max Blackstein, Sam Blank, Jacob Brown, Bernie Crackover, Percy Cronish, Manny Ezrin, Sam Federman, Harry Goldstein, Julius Goodbaum, Jacob Slobin, Sidney Greenstein, Frank Gross, Fred Grossman, Harvey Haber, Louis Haber, Murray A. Kurtz, Donald Latchman, Lazar Lifschitz, Al Miller, J. J. Minsky, Myer J. Oster, Ed Richmond, Carl Winer, Max Tishman, Al Riman, Al Rocket, Max Siegel, Sam Solish, Irvin Teitel, Marvin Urbas, Kelly Wortsman, Sam Zale, Mendel Green, Murray Rothblott, Alex Serota, Jack Kreaden, Irving Shienfield.

BREAKFAST CLUB MEET

Coming Sunday, December 5th, Brotherhood of Holy Blossom Temple will meet at breakfast. Rabbi David R. Powell will speak on: Reform Judaism in Israel. David Plater will show a film: Israel and Progressive Judaism.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

The Bible Study Class at Holy Blossom will meet in the board room, Tuesday, December 7th, 10.00 a.m. Topic for the year, conducted by Rabbi David R. Powell, will be: Themes From the Wisdom Literature. On December 7th, The Biblical View of Wisdom will be continued.

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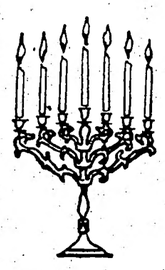

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This includes air travel from Montreal to New York, air travel by jet from New York to Israel, Europe and return, double room occupancy in de luxe hotels, most meals in Israel and continental breakfast in Paris and London, guided sightseeing tours, porterage and gratuities, transfers to and from airports.

The tour is under the leadership of Messrs. Harry J. Pachter, national commissioner for Israel, and Max Shekter, president, District 22. Purim will be celebrated in Israel. The following can be contacted. B'nai B'rith District 22, 489-2108; Harry J. Pachter, 787-0305 or 783-9680; Max Shekter, 781-6158 or 782-9449.

A GREAT MAN

By. ORAH SHEMEN

A great man died,
Great in many ways,
He fulfilled his promises
Throughout all of his days.
He kept peace while he could
And maintained justice over all,
So that everyone would be free
And so that everyone would walk tall.
He walked tall all his life,
And never feared a soul,
Till the time of the shot
And sudden came the fall.
His work was not finished when he fell.
His thoughts shall rise gain.
The struggle continues as time goes by
His ideals shall not be in vain.

Orah Shemen is the teenage daughter of Toronto Yiddish author, N. Shemen.

SEPHARDI CONTRIBUTES TO SPANISH GOVERNMENT

BARCELONE (JCNS) — An anonymous Sephardi has sent a check for a million peselas (about $ 18.000) to the Spanish Foreign Ministry, suggesting that the money be used for charitable or cultural work.

Accompanying the check was a letter explaining the sender's belief in the "long-standing historical and spiritual connection between the Spanish and Jewish peoples".

Although the donor asked for his name not to be divulged, it is known that he has been a Spanish resident for some considerable time.

The Spanish Government has decided to give the money to the Sephardi Museum housed in the Transito Synagogue in Toledo. The intention is to acquire some special works of art and book collections connected with Spanish-Jewish history.

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THE LIVELY ARTS. By D. COHN

● Once upon a time a kibbutz sent its talented young members to attend a seminar on drama. The purpose was for the youngsters to become better equipped to produce kibbutz shows and pageants

But the plan didn't work —not for Theodore Bikel. "Having tasted the theater, I couldn't leave it."

Bikel's guitar, his warm, melodious singing voice, are an integral part of his "image". He sings folksongs from 20 countries in their own languages, has brought out 16 L.P. albums, has written a book on folk music, goes every year on a national concert tour that takes him to more than 40 cities.

Yet Bikel does not consider show-business the beginning and end of his existence. "If it were to deprive me of the faculties that I have, I would chuck it very quickly."

Vienna-born, raised in Israel and having lived in the United States for eleven years, he is deeply committed to human welfare as a whole and to world Jewry in particular. He is a national vice president of the American Jewish Congress, has organized many protest meetings and marches on behalf of oppressed Soviet Jewry and has lectured on the topic on TV and also on Jewish topics.

"My commitment to Jewish affairs," says Bikel, "is indivisable from my commitment to democracy, since it is only in a democracy that Jews can flourish. I'm concerned with their spiritual as well as their physical survival.

"Comfortable living is a constant threat to Jewish identity. Yiddish theaters and newspapers, for example, are dying, and I feel this is deplorable. It is essential that the relative security we live in should not do away with all these values.

"Yes, I am very actively Jewish. I conducted a seder in the middle of the Kalahari Desert where we were filming. Seven people came including cameramen and technicians. I've never stopped doing it in London and New York, so I didn't see why I should let the South-West African desert stop me."

As an actor, he would like to play the king in Hamlet. But, he muses, "It may be that I shall end up in an entirely different sphere. Involvement in public life may get me into politics in earnest. I've been urged to go into political life, and have so far declined because I don't feel I'm ready for it. But there is a contribution to make. I may be able to provide the link that still is lacking unfortunately between the arts and government."

Though Bikel hasn't worked or lived in Israel for 19 years, he maintains his personal contacts and is hopeful about the future of the Israeli theater.

"They are beginning to write good scripts. The Theater in Israel suffers from a dearth of good, indigenous, local playwriting, but this is not an incurable state of affairs. After all, when you are battling for survival, it is very difficult to write about it. When you are struggling in midstream, it is very difficult to stand above it and admire the beauty of the waves."

● The Deputy, the controversial play by Rolf Hochhuth about Pope Pius XII, was staged in Santiago, Chile, last week without incident. The leading Chilean actor, Roberto Parada, who played the Pope, was warmly applauded by the audience.

● Bonanza still is at the top of the Nielsen ratings for the 30 major market cities, a spot they have held for eight of the nine weeks of the season.

● Izo Shapiro, director of the Bucharest Yiddish State Theater, is in Paris at the invitation of the Paris Yiddish Ensemble. He will work as guest director.

● Israeli authorities expect to start operating the State's television service by the end of 1967 with the completion of studios, transmitters and other equipment.

● Secret Vatican documents, said to contain an answer to Rolf Hochhuth's play, The Deputy, which condemns the late Pope Pius XII for his silence during the Nazi extermination of the Jews, will not be made public "under pressure from a vile attack."

● A life-size portrait of Maureen Forrester, Canadian contralto, by Jean Primrose, British artist, will be shown at New York's Steinway Hall next week. The portrait was painted last summer in Toronto and was completed during the Marlboro Festival in Vermont where Miss Forrester appeared as soloist with Rudolf Serkin and Pablo Casals.

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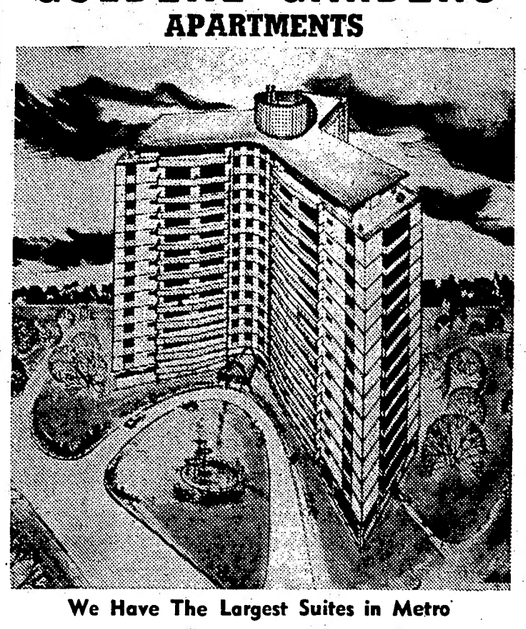

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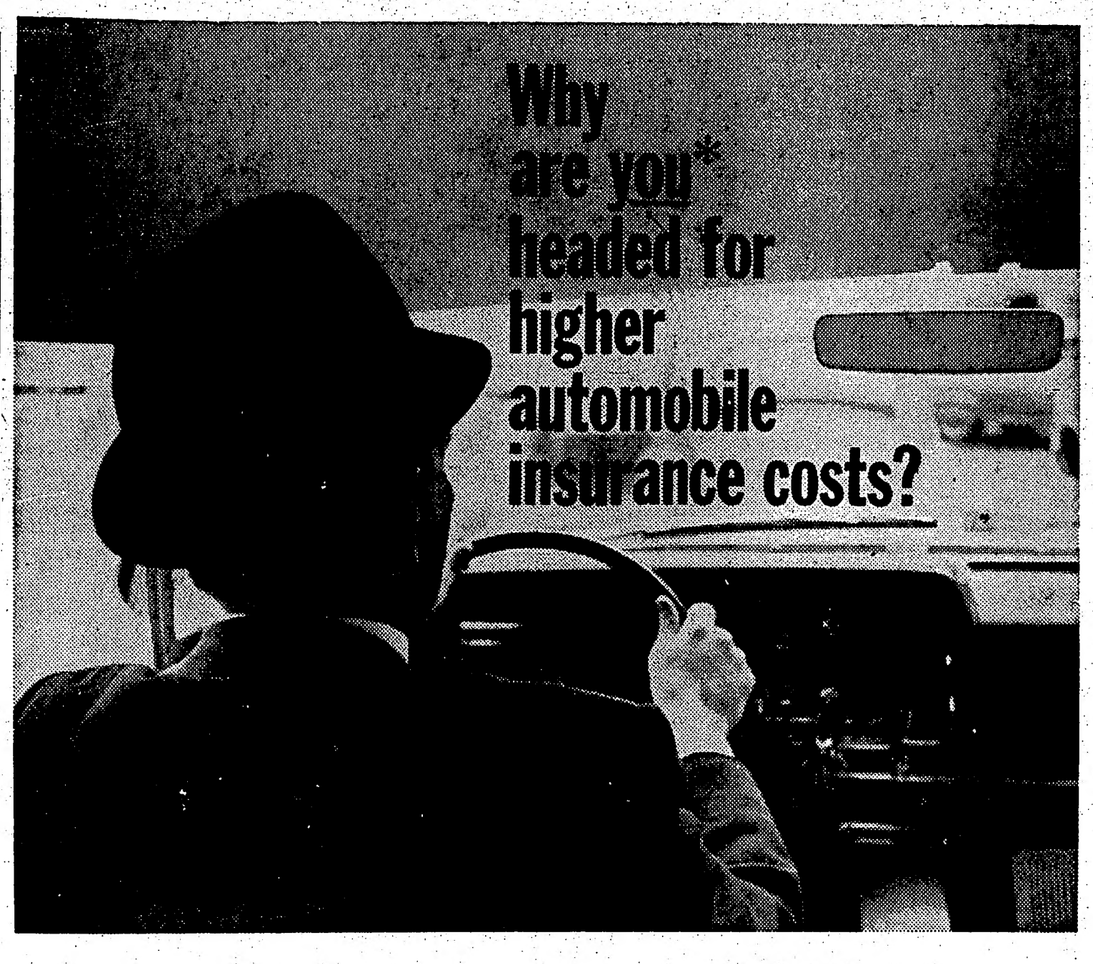

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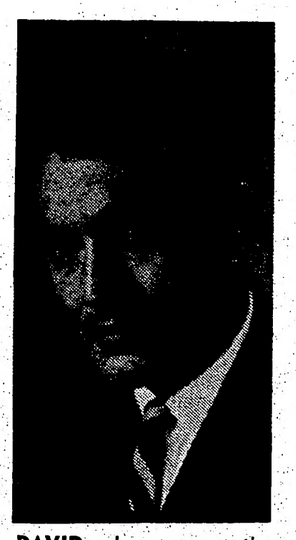
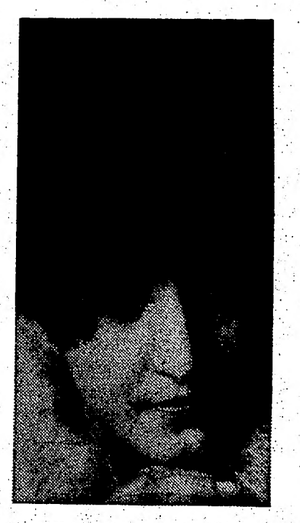


DAVID, who manages the beauty salon.

DAVID, manager of The Place, completes a coiffeur at a hair-styling show held last winter at Toronto's King Edward Hotel. David also demonstrated various styles.



LUVIANA, who is one of Toronto's leading hair stylists and owner of The Place in partnership with David.

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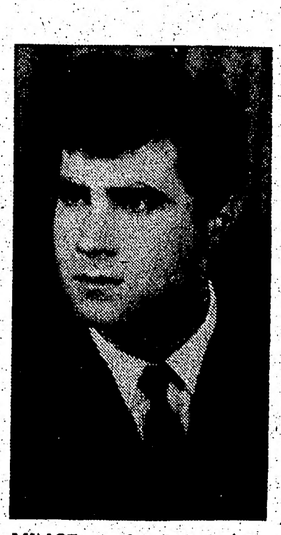

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CANADA AND ISRAEL

THE POPULAR AMBASSADOR

Israelis like Canada's new envoy, Robert Louis Rogers. They consider him unbiased, unprejudiced — eager to learn the ways of the people. Newspapers have commented favourably about his activities.

The influential "Jerusalem Post" says of Mr. Rogers that he has the look of a sportsman and the education of an historian. An officer in the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Europe in 1944, he took part in the assault which captured Caen, soon after D-Day.

He subsequently exchanged uniform for a diplomat's black suit and in the last 20 years has circled the Northern Hemisphere, representing the Red Maple Leaf in Tokyo, Washington and Paris.

"As far as Canada is concerned, Israel is a quiet post. There are no problems between the two countries," the newspaper adds.

The question of international peace, however, deeply concerns Canada, and her policy is directed towards preventing any local war which might lead to wider repercussions.

"The trouble is," Ambassador Louis Rogers muses, "that it is practically impossible to maintain peace when people involved do not want it." Vietnam comes to his mind — Canada is a member of the international team responsible for the supervision of the Indo-Chinese cease-fire.

His studies as a historian have taught him one basic lesson: that the only conclusion one can draw with certainty from history is that one cannot learn anything certain from history.

RUSSIAN PUZZLE

YEVTUSHENKO: WHAT'S NEW?

We all remember the gallant defense of Jewry by Russia's poet Yevgeni Yevtushenko. Since Babi Yar, many conflicting rumours reached the West about the tribulations of this dapper, militant writer. Recently, however, we received more reliable information concerning the poet's position.

Here is a summary of the latest tidings:

The "Babi Yar" controversy in Russia which raged two and three years ago seems to be closed now that the Thirteenth Symphony by Shostakovich has been given official blessing at a public performance in Moscow. But the battle over Yevtushenko was bitter in Soviet literary circles, although it was fought mainly well away from the glare of publicity.

Yet Yevtushenko has been attacked in verse, while counter-attacks, also in verse, were passed from hand to hand in typewritten copies.

The first attack on Yevtushenko came from a Stalinist poet, N. Markov. "How can you claim to be a true Russian", Markov admonishes Yevtushenko, "when you have forgotten your own people!... The world was shaken by Babi Yar ... It would have been a global conflagration ... You should have named, one by one, the millions of fallen Russian boys ... Was it not Russia that blocked the breach in the walls with her body?... As long as one single cosmopolitan remains to be removed from the dais, I shall say: 'I am a Russian."

The retort came from no less a literary light than Konstantin Simonov, whose Russianism and patriotism is beyond doubt. "Leave the dead alone, they would not suffer false, high-sounding words. Not a few Jewish dead were among those who perished at the front. There is no monument over Babi Yar, and people wonder: why? ... All honest men would say, with Yevtushenko: Let the 'International' be played when the bones of the last anti-Semite on earth are buried deep in the ground."

Yevtushenko himself is credited with some verse mocking Markov:

"Yevtushenko intended to kill the anti-Semite, but wounded the heart of a member of the Soviet Writers Association instead."

The late S. Marshak, famous Jewish poet and translator, recalled the notorious anti-Semitic member of the Duma (House of Representatives in Czarist Russia) whose name was also Markov. There are also verses ascribed to I. Ehrenburg.

But the most moving poem entitled, "We, Jews" appears to be written by Margarita Aligher.

"I shall ask Marx and Einstein ... to explain, if they know, the secret of our eternal guilt. Have we not given away everything we had, without murmuring a word? We lived nobly, squandering talents, giving the best of our souls. Let me ask doctors, musicians, labourers big and small; let me ask the descendants of the brave Maccabeans, our sons, the fighting Jews, the Russian officers and warriors—tell me, on your honour, about the clan that suffered for centuries, about the boys missing or killed in action; about the age-old smell of degradation, and the wailing of mothers and wives. Our people were shot and burned in the death camps ... Few of us have been left. Nothing will revive us. We are Jews. How much grief and restless years are bound up in this word. I do not know whether blood has a voice. But I do know that blood has colour."

This confirms the most recent variation of the Russian puzzle: young Soviet Jews speak up; they are losing their fear.

Mike, Yediot Ahronot, Tel Aviv

letters to the editor

CAUSE FOR REMINISCING

Dear Editor:

The notice in the last issue concerning the passing of Moreine R. Jacob Rosenheim, co-founder and leader of the Agudath Israel World Organization (The Canadian Jewish News, November 12th), reminds me of a story which the late Rabbi had told me:

"In the war years of 1914-18, when the head office of the Agudath Israel World Organization was in Frankfurt, this organization entered into discussion with the government of Turkey regarding several aspects of the Jewish situation in Palestine. In the summer of 1918, a delegation consisting of Dr. Isaak Breuer, Rabbi Jonathan Horowitz, Dr. Moses Auerbach, and R. Jacob Rosenheim went to Constantinople where they stayed for more than three weeks. Dr. Breuer drafted a tentative statue which would have secured for the Jews a semi-autonomous community in Palestine within the framework of the Turkish Empire. Several meetings also were held with the Grand Vizir Talaat Pascha.

"When the delegation returned from Constantinople, the armies of Germany and Austria had suffered severe defeats and setbacks. In the same year the Turkish Empire disintegrated and Turkey ceased to play any role in Palestine."

It is interesting to speculate what the outcome might have been had this plan of the Agudath Israel succeeded.

Toronto.

Herman Landau

OFFENDED

Dear Editor:

As a member of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Toronto, I was extremely shocked and appalled to learn that at the conclusion of the B'nai B'rith's ninth annual Covenant Breakfast on Sunday, November 21st, the Lord's Prayer (Matthew, 6:9-13) was sung.

Do we not have enough of our own prayers and hymns to conclude occasions such as these, or do we have to search through "bibles" and documents foreign to Judaism to find something appropriate? True, no mention of allegiance is found in the prayer, but did not Jesus adopt this prayer for specific use in his religion?

University of Toronto

Nachum Woolf

Dateline: NEW YORK

By Trude Weiss-Rosmarin

INTERFAITH DIALOGUES OUT

The choice of Mr. Phillip M. Klutznik, a layman, to extend the greetings of American Jewry to Pope Paul VI when he visited New York at the beginning of last month was not a fortuitous one. Like Protestant clergy here, who also chose a layman to extend greetings to the Pope, rabbis now adopted a reserved attitude towards what are termed "inter-faith" activities of a **religious** nature.

To be sure, there are still a few enthusiasts for religious inter-faith dialogues of the mould of Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, who would make a niche for Jesus in Judaism. But Rabbi Eisendrath's proposal has been vigorously rejected by the overwhelming majority of his colleagues in the Liberal rabbinate, as well as by the lay leaders of the Reform (Liberal) Union of American Jewish Congregations, of which he is the president.

The very term "inter-faith" has gone out of fashion, together with "inter-denominational" activities designed to stress similarities between Jewish and Christian beliefs and rituals. This is no longer the age of the melting pot. The "orchestration" of religious differences, together with the "orchestration" of ethnic dissimilarities, is now the order of the day.

Characteristic of the new orientation is that the Institute of inter-denominational studies of the (Conservative) Jewish Theological Seminary of America has now been named "The Institute for Religious and Social Studies", and its courses and lectures are described as "inter-group activities".

Although Catholics and Protestants serve on the faculty of the Institute, the emphasis is not on inter-faith activities but, to quote from the preamble, "to increase the understanding of Judaism among adherents of other traditions, as well as the Jew's comprehension of his own tradition".

It is emphasised that the Institute is "rooted in the Seminary's deep scholarship", although participation is open to all. The hundreds of clergymen belonging to 20 different denominations who attend the courses and lectures, and the participation of the faculties of eight Christian theological seminaries are proof that this type of dialogue commands more status than yesteryear's efforts to prove that the "Judeo-Christian" legacy is replete with points of identity between Judaism and Christianity.

Among the courses offered by the Institute this year are: "Pluralism: Its Costs and Benefits to Religion", and "Humanising Life in the Megalopolis", as well as a "theological student seminar" on "Concepts and Institutions Basic to Christianity and Judaism", based on Solomon Schechter's "Aspects of Rabbinic Theology".

At the local level the "prominent Gentile" has virtually disappeared from Jewish lecture platforms. True the fund-raising drives are still resorting to Christian glamour personalities for bait, but with diminishing results.

American Jews under fifty, especially the younger echelons of this, the largest and most vociferous group, are secure, and not merely "proud", as Jews. They do not require Gentile approval and plaudits to the extent their immigrant parents needed it. As a result, adult education programmes and lecture series in some two thousand American congregations are solidly based on Jewish fundamentals, and areas and themes of Jewish concern are in the limelight.

Although the national Jewish organisations maintain adult education departments for supplying their local constituents with programmes, the hub of adult Jewish studies is now in the synagogues. It would be hard to find a synagogue of any trend which does not provide adult courses in Hebrew, Jewish history, the Bible and Jewish thought and literature.

Evaluating a far from representative and yet typical batch of replies from rabbis reporting on their adult Jewish studies, Rabbi Samuel I. Cohen, in the "American Jewish Year Book" for 1965, just published, reports that "thirty-six (92 per cent) of the respondents were concerned with intellectual objectives; they wished to instil in their members a literate awareness of the Jewish past and heritage".

There is, according to Rabbi Cohen's study, "a departure from the traditional role and character of the synagogue, with a surprising lack of emphasis on belief and practice or on fostering religiosity".

Indeed, the programmes of the congregational schools of adult Jewish education are geared to "intellectual objectives". As a result, they attract the so-called "cream of the communities", usually about fifteen per cent of congregational membership.

Although inter-congregational rivalry is strong, in many communities all congregations and some local chapters of national Jewish organisations pool their resources to sponsor a "joint Forum series" of higher quality and costs than any single congregation or organisation could undertake.

Some of the popular lecture series this season are on "Jewish Identity and Identification", "Great Jewish Trials", with special emphasis on the "Trial of Jesus", and "The Meaning of Jewishness".

Strange though it may seem, there is virtually no demand for topics related to the reality of Israel. According to some analysts, this is due to the surfeit of publicity and sentimentality of the "Israel speakers" the fund-raising drives "inflict" upon the communities.

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

A BOUNDLESS RANGE

The late Rabbi Kook once made this observation. Benjamin is spoken of in Scripture as "the friend of the Lord" and, because the Temple was built in the territory allotted to his tribe, God was said to "cover him all the day".

Of human friends, said Rabbi Kook, it is generally true that if they are too much in one another's houses their friendship palls and they become bored with one another. But of "friendship" with God, Scripture can say that it is a relationship for all the day and for every day, since in this relationship there is neither tedium nor fatigue.

Is this true? Judging by our experience, religion can be a very exciting thing but there are times when we become weary of the religious life. We tend to speak of a religious mood and to imply that we do not always feel in tune with the infinite. For much of the time, even if we persevere in the religious round, we cannot in all honesty say that we find it anything but humdrum. The moments of religious exaltation are beyond price. When they do come they make it all seem worthwhile. Yet surely we delude ourselves if we imagine that they are frequent. We tend either to question the sincerity of thinkers like Rabbi Kook, or we shrug it all off as irrelevant to our lives, by declaring that religious geniuses are a law unto themselves, whose experiences are quite beyond the range of ordinary mortals.

A good deal depends on how we conceive of God. If our God is big enough we can never tire of His worship because interest in the Infinite is itself infinite. But if our God is too small, if He caters to a portion of our lives only, if He only has meaning in the context of certain religious rites and ceremonies, then rebellion against God is almost bound to result, since man does become bored of a restrictive vision of human existence. The all-too-human picture of some pop-songs in which God is the friend "upstairs" is nauseating and offensive, and is rightly scorned by anyone with a degree of religious sensitivity.

The richer in variety a thing, idea or institution, the greater its capacity to hold us in its thrall. Because Dr. Johnson believed that London was large enough and varied enough to satisfy many different human needs, he said a man who is tired of London is tired of life. If this is true of particular ideas and things, how much more is it true of the Source of all being! There is no basic qualitative difference between ourselves and the great religious geniuses of mankind. It is only that their insights led them to a far deeper understanding of the divine as completely life-embracing.

God is to be found in every one of life's situations. There is the Jewish liturgy with its tremendous historical associations linking our generations with those who have gone before. There is the Sabbath on which the Jew becomes a philosopher, celebrating the creation of the world with wine, song and delight. There are all the opportunities life offers for the service of others, for the expression of those countless acts of sympathy and generosity which make man truly human and redeem him from banality. There is the pursuit of truth and wisdom and beauty, the call of ideals which never cloy because they are never ending.

The most famous teachers have been at one in affirming that limited aims and objectives do not satisfy. The easier they are to achieve the sooner satiety sets in. The only satisfactory life is one dedicated to the pursuit of aims which never cease from making demands on us. These are the aims of Judaism. In the words of the Psalmist: "I see a limit to all things, but Thy law has a boundless range".

AN ACUTE OBSERVATION

ARAB RAIDS REGARDED SERIOUS

By FRANCIS OFNER

When a handful of El Fatah terrorists sneak over the border from a neighbouring Arab country on a moonless night with their ten pounds of dynamite and blow up a house on the outskirts of a village, the press reports the occurrence of another "minor incident".

But Israel's defence chiefs see in the emergence of El Fatah a new guerilla force which theatens to turn the prodding on the Arab-Israel border into a major warlike situation.

Unlike the fedayeen and other marauding gangs, El Fatah is an independent organization of Palestinian Arabs, inspired and supported by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin El Husseini, and outside the control of any Arab Government.

It is motivated by the belief that the Arab States cannot be relied upon to fight the battle of Palestine and that "we must do something ourselves—before it is too late. What we can do now is create insecurity in Israel and attract international attention.

"We should try to provoke Israel into retaliatory raids against the Arab States. This could lead to an Arab-Israel war, and only such a war will solve the Palestine Arab problem."

In the course of this year, El Fatah terrorists have succeeded in provoking Israel into three reprisal raids: two against Jordan and one against Lebanon. After suffering the shock of Israeli retaliation, the Lebanese Government has tightened its control over border areas adjacent to Israel.

Jordan's King Hussein has spoken openly against El Fatah activities, but, so far, he has been hesitant to take unpopular restrictive measures against people who, in Arab eyes, are Palestinian patriots. The King's attitude has also been conditioned by the general policy of liberalisation which has characterised his regime during the last 20 months

Another complicating factor—more for the Arab States than for Israel—is Ahmed Shukairy's Palestine Liberation Organisation. In that it is a political instrument of the Egyptian Government, the P.L.O.'s activities are resented by most other Arab States.

Shukairy's demands for the establishment of a separate Palestinian army, which would threaten Jordan's internal unity, have been rejected. Nevertheless, he did succeed in obtaining from the recent conference of Arab leaders in Casablanca, some funds for his organization which, by its mere existence, has raised the political temperature among Palestinian refugees, and fertilised the ground for El Fatah raids against Israel.

Since the expertise of armies much larger and more experienced than that of Israel has not yet found an effective method of dealing with guerilla raiders whose base is outside their legal reach, Israel's military leaders take an extremely grim view of El Fatah activities.

They place the responsibility for these raids on the Governments from whose territory the terrorists operate, and are determined to take forcible measures to demonstrate this view.

Another disturbing development, in the view of Israel's defence chiefs, lies in the built-up of the United Arab Command.

Although the Egyptian Commander of this body, General Ali Ali Amer, failed to obtain permission from member States for the free movement of army contingents from one Arab country to another, the United Arab Command has made substantial progress in securing its target figure of £150 million — mostly derived from the royalties of the oil-producing States — for speeding up the arms build-up of the weaker Arab States.

This is particularly noticeable in Jordan, where the strength of the armed forces has been nearly doubled during the last twelve months. Some progress has also been made in the planning, co-ordination and standardisation of equipment and forces.

More encouraging developments for Israel are seen in connection with the Arab plan for the diversion of the River Jordan head waters. Following Israel's hard-hitting artillery fire against the Syrian diversion works and after Great Power representations, the Lebanese stopped their diversion works earlier this year.

They now are trying to mobilise funds for an alternative water development scheme which could be implemented independently of Israel if the latter continues to oppose the diversion of the Jordan's sources, or, should Israel abandon its opposition, could be included in the general Arab diversion scheme.

The Israelis have shown benevolent understanding for Jordan's efforts to build her Mukheiba Dam. They stress that as long as this project does not use water diverted from the sources of the River Jordan in Syria and Lebanon, Jordan is within her right in carrying it through.

Only in the case of Syria is the diversion threat still regarded as very serious. The Syrians have now moved their works from within 14 miles of the Israeli border to more than five miles from it, so as to be outside the range of Israeli guns. For the moment, the Syrians are engaged only in preparatory work. However, this is being closely—and somewhat nervously—watched by the Israelis.

Probably the most hopeful conclusion to be drawn from this regional analysis lies in the changes seen in the general picture. President Nasser's leadership in the Arab world and in the Afro-Asian block has weakened. In Egypt itself he is faced with serious unrest, involving a struggle with the Moslem Brotherhood and against a virtually hopeless economic crisis.

The "summit" meetings of Arab kings and presidents —the last in Casablanca in October—have shown that the narrow, local interests of the individual Arab States have the upper hand over dreams of pan-Arab unity. The once-prevailing trend towards an Egyptian hegemony over the Arab States has given way to policentric tendencies.

Most of these, certainly, are united in their anti-Israel stand—although with an increasing realisation that not much can be done about it, at least for the time being.

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STUDY SESSION

Sisterhood of Beth Emeth Bais Tehuda held a study session on Wednesday, November 23rd, 1:30 p.m., in the library.

INSTALLATION

The Women's Auxiliary, Ner Israel Yeshiva College, held its installation ceremony recently. Mrs. J. Glucowsky installed the following: Mrs. E. H. Cooperman, president; Mrs. L. Korzen, 1st vice president; Mrs. J. Blitz, 2nd vice president; Mrs. D. Drebin, 3rd vice president; Mrs. R. Silver, secretary; Mrs. M. Grubner, treasurer. Mrs. S. Goldstein is immediate past president.

Mrs. Cooperman welcomed Mesdames L. Rubin and S. Forgang.

A meeting was held on November 24th at the home of Mrs. Karoly in honor of Jewish Book Month.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Women's League of Beth Jacob Girls High School held a meeting recently in the board room of the Eitz Chaim School.

The tea which was held Sunday, November 28th, at the home of Mrs. J. Korman, was discussed.

Rabbi Stefansky, principal of Beth Jacob, spoke on Jewish education. Mrs. M. Nussbaum, president, presided.

SISTERHOOD DONOR DINNER

Sisterhood donor dinner and fashion show of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue will be held Tuesday evening, December 7th, at the synagogue. Mrs. Saul Spring is donor chairman; Mesdames Irving Green and Louis Kernerman, co-chairmen. The donor committee consists of Mesdames Donald Clapham, Marvin Donin, Ralph Etigson, Norman Fine, Nathan Reiber, H. Skopitz, William Solsberg, Sol Swartz, Nat Train. Mrs. Phil Moscoe is fashion co-ordinator. Models are Mesdames Albert Green, Nathan Reiber, Martin Sable, Paul Shapiro, H. Storfer, Sam Verman, Misses Brenda Parnes, Corinne Sloven, Shiela Title. Mrs. Ted Waldman is fashion commentator.

Lyrics for the show were written by Mrs. Manny Spring and will include a dramatic group. Participants are Mesdames Moe Ackerman, Marvin Donin, David Goldmintz, Aaron Kates, Michael Kugler, Sol Swartz, Jack Talesnick, Nathan Waldman.

TEA

Northview Chapter No. 901, B'nai B'rith Women, will have its annual tea on Sunday, December 5th, 2 to 6 p.m., at Town House.

HANUKA TEA

The Women's Auxiliary, Jewish Home for the Aged and Baycrest Hospital, will hold a Hanuka tea-meeting on Wednesday, December 15th, 1:15 p.m., at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

The tenth anniversary of the Auxiliary will be featured. Candles will be lit by residents of the Home, life board members and past presidents. Mrs. Milton Stern is in charge of the program; Mrs. Harry Eisen, president, will chair the afternoon.

HAMILTON MOTHER RECEIVES LITERARY PRIZE — Mrs. Elsa Rosenberg (right), Hamilton housewife and mother of two teen-age children, who was winner of Saturday night's $500 Belmont Award, with Mr. Antonio Toledo, executive vice president, Benson and Hedges, sponsor of this literary award. Winners of the Belmont 1965 Awards, initiated by Mr. Arnold Edinborough, editor of Saturday Night magazine, to encourage original Canadian belles lettres are: Austin Clarke, Negro native of Barbados, who won first prize of $1000 for the best short story; Andre Pierre Boucher, Montreal, P.Q., who won $500 for the best short story in French; Mrs. Rosenberg, whose short story was the best by a previously unpublished author.

YAVNEH STUDENTS HELD REGIONAL CONVENTION

Yavneh, the National Religious Jewish Students' Association, held its regional convention in Toronto last weekend, Nov 27-28. About 150 college students from New York, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Montreal, Hamilton, Kitchener and Toronto convened. Host synagogues were: Shaarei Tefillah, Rabbi B. Rosensweig; Shaarei Shomayim, Rabbi Dr. W. Wurzburger; Machzikei Hadas, Clanton Park, Rabbi Dr. N. Rabinovitch. Theme of the convention was: Halacha and the Modern Man.

An Oneg Shabbos lecture and various programs were held Saturday, followed in the evening by musical entertainment after an ice and roller skating party.

The convention concluded on Sunday afternoon with a lecture delivered by Rabbi S. Riskin, Dean of the Jewish Studies Program at New York's Yeshiva University. The closing banquet was held at Shaarei Tefillah.

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½ teaspoon salt
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THE IN-CROWD

By RUTHIE

Being "in", belonging, is so important in our present day society. And that includes children. In fact, it's more important for them to be "in". We adults at least try to be different sometimes; but a child only wants to conform.

God forbid if little girls don't wear tights with patterns. They're ostracised if their leotards are plain. And if yours doesn't wear dickeys with a blouse — don't ask.

What I'm going through now is the braces-for-the-teeth period. And this is one time when being "in" pays off. The mere thought that my youngest can join the teeth-braced clique in her class is enough to banish the idea of any pain.

Actually it hurts *me*. What happens to my pocket should only happen to my *nisht fahrginners* (begrudgers).

But what doesn't a parent do for the children? You're going to wait till they grow up and then they'll have a *teina* (complaint)?

"Mother, why didn't you...?"

My mate says every mother is crazy. "Can you imagine? You take a healthy child, torture it *oomzist* (for nothing), make it look like Frankenstein — just so a couple of teeth look straighter.

"I don't know", my husband ranted on, especially after he heard how much it costs. "My mother didn't do anything about my teeth, they got straight by themselves, and you married me just the same."

"Oh, shush," I became exasperated. "Maybe the teeth won't straighten out by themselves. And don't you think the dentist knows? He's wonderful. I won't take any chances. Anyway her bite is awful."

"Bite, shmite." Well, even if he doesn't admit it, he must finally agree with me because we're in the middle of the ordeal.

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While sitting at the dentist's the other day, a man came in with his little boy.

"Melvin," he said to the reluctant youngster, "take off your hat and coat and sit down."

The nurse called Melvin. Papa rose. "Shall I join you? No? Okay."

"*Nu*," he looked my way, "a new style. Braces. My Melvin is eight, already he needs braces. He's got buck teeth. And this time I have to give in. My oldest daughter needed them too. *Oi*, if you let yourself, you could lose your shirt. So I went and had some wire put on her teeth. It only cost me thirty-forty dollars and now her teeth are beautiful. But Melvin? I don't know. Maybe he needs them. Maybe he doesn't turn out so good." And the soliloquy ended in mid-air.

Papa looked troubled. But Melvin came out bursting with happiness. Because he needs braces. And when he'll smile, he too will display the symbol of belonging — that shiny piece of hardware.

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But that's not all. Every mother knows just how I feel when I look at that metal contraption Heather has to anchor onto her braces every night. That's to help space the teeth. It's indescribable. It's a strong piece of aluminum wire (for the money it should be sterling silver) that is clamped onto the braces and it's held by a band around the head. How she sleeps is a mystery. But she's happy because most of the kids in her class go through the same procedure every night.

Now she wants a pyjama party so she can show off to her classmates. Picture saying good-night to ten kids wearing the same contraption.

I'm just waiting for bar mitzvah invitations to begin coming in. In another year the boys in the class will start being confirmed. And all the youngsters will be invited. Won't they look ducky together with all that bright jewelry fastened onto their teeth?

Anyway they're a whole lot better off than the couple who wrote Dear Abby for advice. Both wore braces. And everytime they kissed, their teeth clamped together.

I guess I ought to be satisfied. It could be worse.

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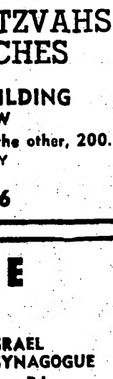

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CAROUSEL HAUNTING

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TAKEN BY SURPRISE. - Linda Howe, in Carousel, now at Toronto's O'Keefe Center. The romantic musical stars Harve Presnell.

off the stage on a wave of melody that Richard Rodgers considers to be the best score he ever wrote for the theatre.

MR. SCROOGE BACK

Mr. Scrooge, the jolly Christmas musical welcomed by young and old every Yuletide, is at the Crest Theater till January 1st. Many of the cast in Tiny Alice, which has just concluded its run at the theater, have roles in Mr. Scrooge. Peter Mews portrays the title role. Jay Shannon plays Bob Cratchit, Scrooge's impoverished clerk.

Mr. Scrooge is choreographed by Walter Burgess who, during the past summer, staged dances for productions at the Queen Elizabeth Theater in Vancouver and currently is directing and choreographing Riot 66 at Ryerson.

WINTER SERIES

Owner Ed Mirvish of the Royal Alexandra Theater has begun his special twelve-week season of six distinguished stage productions which have played the world over. Five are musicals, the sixth, The Teahouse of the August Moon, is one of the best comedies of the decade.

Starting this coming Monday, December 6th, for two weeks, is the Lerner-Loewe musical fantasy, Brigadoon starring Sheila Piercey, Ted Scott and Dean Regan. Others following are: What Makes Sammy Run?; The King and I; The Teahouse . . . ; Oklahoma; Pal Joey. All are produced by Michael McAloney and Joyce Sloane.

CHILDREN INVADE COLONNADE

The Colonnade Theater is being invaded these weekends by children of all description — all because of Eli Rill's fascinating version of The Emperor's New Clothes. It's a must for all kids from six to sixty coming Hanuka holiday.

THE MECHANIC HERE TO STAY

The Mechanic, Jack Winter's new play that has taken root at Workshop's basement theater, 47 Fraser Avenue, is solid here for perhaps the remainder of the theater season—weekends. One of the bright lights of current Toronto theater, the zany comedy will have been enjoyed by almost everybody in the city before it makes way for another original.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Canadian Players Foundation's 1966 fundraising campaign will get under way in January. Edmund C. Bovey, president of Northern Ontario Natural Gas Company Limited, who joined the Board of Governors of the Foundation this year, is chairman of the drive.

Right now Canadian Players is doing fine at Central Library Theater with Playboy of the Western World, Murder in the Cathedral and The Firebugs, in repertory.

TORONTO ORPHEUS CHOIR

Coming Wednesday, December 7th, the Orpheus Choir of Toronto will present the oratorio, Elijah, by Mendelssohn, with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, at Ryerson.

From the time the composer performed it for the first time in 1846, it has been a favorite ever since.

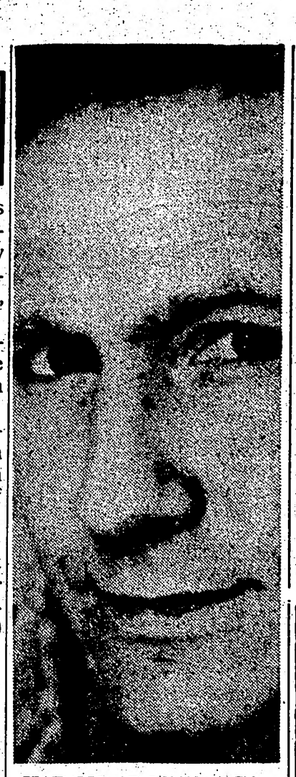
The Choir will be conducted by John Sidgwick. Welsh bass-baritone Howell Glynn will assume the role of Elijah.

HELD OVER

The LOWER DEPTHS, at the Colonnade, is held over for another weekend. Sunday's performance is at 7:00 p.m.

BIGGEST SPECTACLE EVER

It seems as though every name in Toronto showbiz will contribute his talent for the St. Lawrence Centre drive, coming Sunday, December 5th, at O'Keefe Center. At the novel rate of a dollar an hour, a fortune should be amassed. Some of those entertaining are: Bruno Gerussi; Mr. and Mrs. Cratchett from Mr. Scrooge, now at the Crest; excerpts from Workshop Production's The Mechanic; excerpts from Cindy; The Mendelssohn Choir; Ethnic Groups; National Ballet (Angela Leigh, Glen Gilmour, Lois Smith, Earl Kraul); Canadian Opera (Arlene Meadows, Howell Glynne, Jan Rubes); Revues (Tom Kneebone, Pat Galloway, Dave Broadfoot). And many more.



FEATURED AT ROYAL ALEX. - Stan Page, who plays Tommy Albright in Brigadoon, opening at Toronto's Royal Alex, Monday, December 6th, through Saturday, December 18th.

ANYONE AFRAID? New version of Mr. Scrooge, now playing at Toronto's Crest Theater through January 1st.

A COME-HITHER CARMEN.—Huguette Tourangeau, who plays the title role in Carmen. The new Metropolitan Opera National Company will perform from December 13th to 18th at Toronto's O'Keefe Center.

THEATRE IN TORONTO

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CAROUSEL: NOSTALGIC

As a bid for immortality, the Richard Rodgers production of Carousel, now being performed at O'Keefe Center, has no claim.

The story itself is of no special significance. Taking place in the last half of the last century, it revolves around a carousel barker who marries an innocent young girl. An outward bully who is ashamed to reveal the softer side of his nature, he finally stabs himself to death in a fit of regret for his past indiscretions. In heaven, he is given a chance to return to earth to do some good.

We find this a little too slow and simple for our sophisticated generation.

As a matter of fact, the entire death scene — Julie finding Billy and bidding him good-by — is something right out of a Mack Sennett comedy.

However, the songs spell another story. One is brought back twenty years by, June is Bustin' Out All Over, which is as fresh now as it was then.

Harve Presnell as Billy is enchanting. He is a fine actor as well as more than average singer. One has the impression he enjoys what he does. Rather than a sinister figure, his Billy is an overgrown, naughty boy. He reaches his peak when he renders, Soliloquy.

Dorothy Emmerson complements him gracefully though her Julie is a little weak. Again it is Harve Presnell who gives her substance in their duet of, If I Loved You.

Dran Seitz in the role of Carrie Pipperidge is an excellent support. Particularly charming is her interpretation of, When I Marry Mr. Snow.

Of the entire cast, none is so compelling as Katherine Hilgenberg in the part of Nettie Fowler. Her fine mezzo-soprano is a joy to hear. You'll Never Walk Alone, as she sings it, makes one's spine tingle.

Jerry Orbach portrays a comical rather than petrifying Jigger who thrives on crime. We're fond of him.

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HAPPY CHILDREN IN A HAPPY LAND. - Singing and dancing is an integral part of the curriculum at a modern Israeli kibbutz.

By RIVKA MICHALEVITZ

When Caesarea, the famous old Roman stronghold was turned into a summer resort and a base for overseas millionaires, members of the neighbouring kibbutz of Sdot Yam seriously considered moving the settlement elsewhere, fearing they would be swamped in this sea of modern-day luxury.

First, they saw thousands of tourists flock in the area to see the ancient ruins. Later came the transformation of Caesarea. Financed by Baron Edmond de Rothschild, a luxury hotel sprang up; and there were added attractions—villas for rent, a golf-course, horse-racing.

Informality

It then occurred to the worried kibbutzniks that they could profit from Caesarea's prosperity. They decided to inaugurate the Kayit V'Shayit project—the provision of facilities for tourists at low prices and with the minimum of formality.

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The cafeteria, open until very late at night, serves soft drinks, snacks, sweets, cakes and even alcohol. Milk, vegetables and fruits are also available.

And at Sdot Yam one has the opportunity of getting acquainted with Israeli life. In the evening there are dances and music depicting Israeli folklore. Predictably, there are also conducted tours to the ancient Roman fortresses of Caesarea.

June and October are the best times to enjoy Kayit V'Shayit facilities at Sdot Yam. Then the beach is at its best. But it is worth a visit at any time.

PORT OF ASHDOD READY

HAIFA (JCNS) — The construction of the two breakwaters that enclose and protect the new port of Ashdod has been completed after four years of work. A spokesman for Solel Boneh, the contracting company, the builders of the port, said that the breakwaters cost ££150 million to build.

Since Ashdod has no natural protection from the sea, the breakwaters had to be build in the form of semi-circles, enclosing the harbour basin with an opening due west.

About 3 million tons of rock were laid on the sea-bed. One thousands men were employed on the project, and work was carried out in three shifts around the clock. The weather, however, permitted continuous work for only six months a year. Stormy seas reduced it to half-time work for another three months. The first ships are already operating from Asdod, but they are mainly vessels bringing in equipment. The first commercial operation, the export of citrus, is expected to start next week.

Meanwhile, it was announced that the next two months will be critical for Israel's sea-borne traffic, until Ashdod is ready for large-scale operations about February, 1966.

During these months Haifa will have to handle virtually Israel's entire import and export trade after the closure of Jaffa and Tel Aviv ports. At first, Ashdod will be able to handle only small quantities of bulk cargo and a few hundred thousand cases of citrus, because a shortage of storage space. Haifa will, for the time being, continue to handle phosphate exports too, owing to the absence of ready loading facilities at Ashdod. January and February will, however, see the completion of two more warehouses in Israel's new port and its capacity will gradually be increased.

The closure of Jaffa and Tel Aviv ports has had no substantial effect because of their small capacity and their dependence on calm weather, making the advance planning of operations impossible. Haifa will handle 11 million cases of citrus this year against Ashdod's 4 million and Elath's 500,000.

UNDER FRENCH PROTECTION

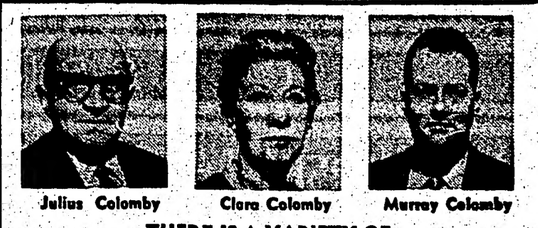
PARIS (JCNS) — The Consistoire Central of French Jews has changed its constitution to make it possible for Alsatian Jewry to join the French community for the first time since 1919.

The French provinces of Alsace and part of Lorraine (annexed by the Germans in 1870 and liberated by France in 1919) enjoy special status in French Law. Because of the length of time they were attached to Germany, the 1905 Law of Separation of the State and Church in France does not apply to Alsace and Lorraine. The clergy there — Catholic, Protestant and Jewish — are paid by the State as official civil servants while in France, a law of 1905 forbits the State from "meddling" in the internal affairs of any religion.

But now, in order to achieve greater unity of the Jewish communities of France as a whole, the Consistoire Central has decided it would be fitting for the 50,000-member Alsatian community to be part of that body which would, for this purpose, be expanded to include more representatives.

Admiral Louis Kahn, president of the Consistoire, told our correspondent that it was hoped eventually to establish "special connections" even with French-speaking communities beyond the actual boundaries of France. "After all", Admiral Kahn said, "with half a million Jews (including the newcomers from North Africa), we are the strongest Jewish community in Europe. This gives us a special duty."

Negotiations already are under way with Alsatian Jewry for inclusion in the new, enlarged Consistoire; however it is considered that it will not be easy to achieve.



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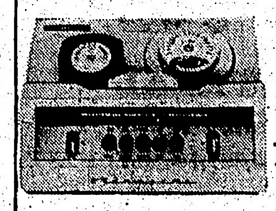

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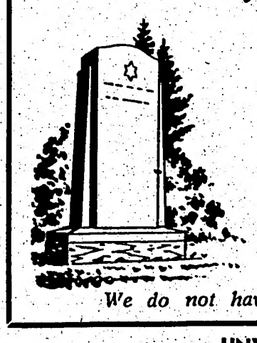

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